## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 22, 2009, Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25, 31, 35, 68 and 74 were pending and under consideration.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 13, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25, 31, 35, 68 and 74 are allowed and Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of any intervening claims.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,383,916 to Lin (hereinafter "Lin") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0002727 to Shiraishi (hereinafter "Shiraishi") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0173133 to Towle (hereinafter "Towle"). The Examiner has further rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Lin, Shiraishi and Towle in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,137,164 to Yew. The Examiner has further rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Lin, Shiraishi and Towle in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,630,628 to Devnani. The Examiner has further rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Lin, Shiraishi and Towle in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,184,477 Tanahashi.

In this Amendment, without acquiescing in the propriety of the merits of the above rejections, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 11, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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